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Washington, D.C. 20231

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		"Electroless Plating of Optical Fibers for Hermetic Feedthrough Seals" by James E. Watson, <i>et al.</i> , September 2000, Electronic Components and Technology Conference.

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